

was struck by the van driven by the suspects. Although his injuries were minor, this incident demonstrated that Deputy Alger was determined to prevent the escape of these criminals, who were apprehended the next day. Deputy Alger goes above and beyond what is required of his job duties.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to recognize these officers for their courage, strength and service to their local communities.

#### HONORING THOMAS MAHONEY

#### HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 2, 2011*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Springfield Township's 1st Ward Commissioner Thomas Mahoney who will be retiring at the conclusion of this year. His political career began on October 10, 1989, when he was appointed to that very position. For almost 25 years Thomas has been an outstanding leader in the community, as well as an advocate for the improvement of Springfield Township for the benefit of all. First elected Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners in 1994, Thomas has honorably served as President for 11 of the past 15 years. From raising a family to being involved with the Youth Club and the Athletic Association his commitment to Springfield Township has never wavered. Thank you for all of your hard work and best of luck in the future.

#### ANNOUNCING RECIPIENTS OF THE INAUGURAL CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT OF TEXAS—ALLEN GOEHRING, JR.

#### HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 2, 2011*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to announce before my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives the names of eleven distinguished military veterans and community servants who call the Third District of Texas home. For their selfless service and dedication to their neighbors and nation, the following individuals have been selected as recipients of the inaugural Congressional Veteran Commendation:

United States Army Staff Sergeant Allen Goehring, Jr. has honorably served our country since 1986. During his distinguished military career, Goehring spent time with a number of Army units including the 302nd Military Police Company and Detachment 1 of the United States Pacific Command.

Most recently, Goehring deployed to Iraq as a Criminal Investigations Division Special Agent with the 1149th Military Police Detachment of the Texas Army National Guard. Back in 2002, he also deployed to Afghanistan with the 345th Psychological Operations Company in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

When home, Goehring works for the Richardson Police Department. He started in 1997

as a patrol officer, Field Training Officer, and member of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team. During that time he obtained the highest certification available to an officer—Master Peace Officer. He now serves in the Investigations Division as a Crimes Against Persons and Sector Crimes Detective. During his time with the Police Department he has received forty-two citizen and Departmental commendations. He also has been selected for assignment to the Joint Terrorism Taskforce in the Dallas area.

For his heroic military efforts, Goehring was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and National Defense Service Medal, to name a few.

It is my pleasure to name Allen Goehring a recipient of the inaugural Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

#### RECOGNIZING MS. SHARON UP- SHAW FOR HER COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 2, 2011*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Sharon Upshaw. Ms. Upshaw is the parent of four and grandparent of two. She has worked as a Vista volunteer, foster grandparent coordinator, and Vice President of the Parent-Teacher Organization in the Quitman County School District.

Ms. Upshaw has devoted much of her life to community service and youth engagement. She is currently working with the Carl Brown Learning Center of the Quitman County Development Organization as the Parent Advocacy Coordinator which ensures that parents and students, alike receive the necessary support and resources for education.

She has been instrumental in obtaining after-school assistance for students suffering from learning and behavioral concerns and has worked to form coalitions between parents and school personnel to increase parental involvement in student academic welfare. She has also worked to improve the communication hurdles between both the school officials and parents.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Upshaw is not only a parent and grandparent but she represents a tower of strength and is advocate of education in her community. So Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that you and my colleagues join me in recognizing Ms. Sharon Upshaw of Quitman County, Mississippi for her unwavering commitment to academia and her dedication to improving the lives of children in the Mississippi Delta.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF RICK CASE AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RICK CASE AUTOMOTIVE GROUP

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 2, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Rick Case and in acknowledge-

ment of his 50th anniversary as the owner and founder of the Rick Case Automotive Group, located in Northern Ohio, South Florida and Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Case began his work with automobiles while in high school by selling cars from his parents' yard. The business has grown from a local Ohio dealership to 16 dealerships in three different states. Rick Case founded the Rick Case Automotive Group in 1962 in Northeast Ohio and expanded to South Florida and Atlanta in 1986. Today, the Rick Case Automotive Group employs more than 900 people.

Rick Case Automotive Group has been honored with many awards over the years. It was presented with the Honda President's Award in 2009 and in 2011, the Rick Case Automotive Group was the recipient of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Mr. and Mrs. Case have also received the title of "Business Leaders of the Year" from the Florida Sun Sentinel and "Humanitarians of the Year" by Nova Southeast University.

Beyond running a successful business, Mr. and Mrs. Case founded the Rick Case Bikes for Kids program to provide bicycles for the less fortunate children in their community.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Rick Case and the Rick Case Automotive Group's 50th anniversary.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ROBERT T. SCHILLING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 2, 2011*

Mr. SCHILLING. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, December 2, 2011, I attended the funeral of Pfc Adam E. Dobereiner in Rock Island, Illinois. Pfc Dobereiner died on November 18, 2011 in the Kandahar Province of Afghanistan while serving his country. Our nation owes Pfc Dobereiner and his family a debt of gratitude for their sacrifice. We must always remember the service of heroes both past and present.

Had I been present in Washington DC on December 2, 2011, my votes would have been as follows:

For Roll No. 882, which would clarify that an agency shall take into account whether a problem disproportionately impacts certain vulnerable subpopulations, and whether such an impact would be mitigated by new agency action—H.R. 3010 stresses smart, efficient and economical rule making. We should always be looking to maintain levels of service at the lowest cost possible. Under this bill, federal agencies already take public health or general welfare considerations into account. Therefore, I would have voted "no".

For Roll No. 883, which would clarify that the agency would retain the discretion to determine whether to provide advanced notice, not later than 90 days, of a proposed rule prior to being published in the Federal Register. For the sake of transparency, the underlying bill makes advance notice of these rules mandatory; therefore, I would have voted "No".

For Roll No. 884, which would clarify that regulations to protect public health and safety would not be blocked or repealed by H.R. 3010—Again; the underlying bill provides for the consideration of public health and general welfare. Therefore, I would have voted "No".

For Roll No. 885, which would exempt from the Act actions by the Nuclear Regulatory